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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;
and

I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **Portable Computing Device With Leather Grain Top** the specification of which:

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____. (If applicable.)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any Amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of any application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| Application Serial No. | Filed | Patented or Pending ? |
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| <u>29/099,171</u> | <u>1/14/99</u> | <u>pending</u> |
| <u>29/066,939</u> | <u>2/19/97</u> | <u>patented</u> |
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I hereby appoint the following attorneys, of the law firm **DUANE, MORRIS & HECKSCHER**, One Liberty Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103-7396, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith,

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For: PORTABLE COMPUTING DEVICE HAVING A LEATHER GRAIN TOP

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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) AND 37 C.F.R. §1.27(b)
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

Dear Sir:

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c), for purposes of paying reduced fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §41(a) and §41(b), to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, with regard to the invention, entitled: PORTABLE COMPUTING DEVICE HAVING A LEATHER GRAIN TOP, described in:

[XX] the specification filed herewith

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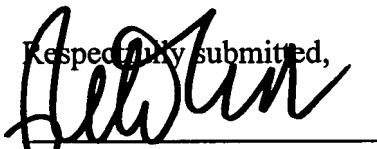
I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the Issue Fee or any Maintenance Fee due after the date on which status as a Small Entity is no longer appropriate pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.28(b).

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